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See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 18:10

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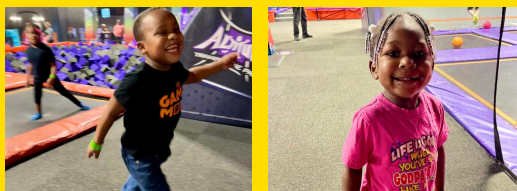
The costs and occasional unexpected expenses associated with raising children can be one of many reasons why families become impoverished. Reasons why the child poverty rate is so high in the U.S. include job loss, pay cuts, divorce or separation, and disabilities. According to a report from the National Center for Children in Poverty, nearly half of all children in the U.S. live in low-income families, and more than one in five live in poverty.

The causes of child poverty are complex, but they are directly related to adult poverty. Children who grow up in poverty are more likely to experience a range of health problems, cognitive delays, and educational difficulties. They are also more likely to become trapped in a cycle of poverty as adults. It is clear that childhood poverty has a profound and lasting impact on individuals and society as a whole. That is why it is so important to address the issue head-on. By doing so, we can give children a better chance at achieving their full potential.

I'm sure we all see this in our communities as it grows rapidly. It's up to us to step in and teach Kingdom values and who they are in Christ. They need to know they have a great purpose and are incredibly valued. When they truly know their identity, they can be set free from these generational curses and spiritual bondage. In turn, they can do the same for others! Just think of what a small group of disciples did that shifted the world! It just takes investing in their lives! We teach them rewards for hard work. We do not believe in just giving everything but earning. The children we have done this with value their reward much more than a handout.

We are called to be the difference we want to see, so that's what we're doing with the children. They belong to the Lord, so our hearts burn to see them freed and be successful in life and give back to others. As the bondage increases, we need more laborers to invest in the lives of others to make a difference. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2.

Our mission is to empower youth to pursue their God-given potential and step into their Kingdom calling. Our hearts burn to see youth truly know who they are in Christ and awaken them to the greatness inside of them. We claim generational chains of poverty, teen pregnancy, addiction, and abuse to be broken in the name of Jesus!



OUR AMAZING TEAM

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NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2023

- **Prayer partners:** Each prayer partner will get updates on the children they are paired with, as well as updates on their birthdays and can come meet them at our outreach events.
- **We love these kids and their mommas,** so we plan to fellowship with them through dinners where we prep the meals.
- **Rewards program** where children earn points by showing us their report cards, acts of random kindness, helping others and any chores needed. At the end of each quarter they can cash in those points for a reward.
- **Once we get a location,** we want to have a girls only and boys only 1 night retreat. Boys may have a possible camping trip and taught survival skills. (We already have a group of Godly men ready to do this!)

We are taking this step by step as the Lord tells us, so it's in His hands! We only want what He wants for these children!



We need your help to make a difference in the lives of these children!
Ways you can help:

- **Prayer is the utmost need!** We have prayer partners for each child. Contact us if you are a prayer warrior/intercessor.
- **Volunteer** during our monthly youth outreach. It's the only time we get them ALL together since we have so many and have to have multiple drivers for pickups. We love to have enough volunteers that they can focus on 2-3 kids for that entire events and speak life over them.
- **Donate items** as kids are in need (listed on our website)
- **Financial donations** (Beside cost of supplies and outing events, we are currently saving for a van to fit all the children, as well as a "home" location for them to come after school and during the summers where we can hold enrichment programs and worship events).